

I would rather fight terrorists in their country than have them come here and have my friends, family and Americans killed on our soil."

He entered the military in April of 2003 to fulfill his duty, following in the footsteps of his father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Madam Speaker, Specialist Raymond White is a hero, whose service and sacrifice brought freedom to 25 million Iraqis. Memory of his sacrifice will forever be emblazoned on hearts of two grateful nations.

I offer my deepest condolence to his parents, Henry and Sharon, his three brothers, Henry, Jesse and Daniel, his grandparents Clayton and Clara Menefee, and John Francis, and all other families and friends who loved and admired this courageous American hero.

May God rest the soul of Army Specialist Raymond White.

#### WHY PRESIDENT BUSH WON REELECTION

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, just 2 weeks ago today, in an historic election, a clear majority of more than 60 million Americans voted to elect President George W. Bush to a second term in office. This was an increase over President Bush's 2000 totals of more than 10 million votes, showing an astonishing growth in the support for his positive agenda to move America forward.

The President ran a campaign based on optimism and an overriding belief in the goodness and compassion of the American people. His message resonated across every demographic group in America. President Bush increased his support among Hispanics, African Americans, Jewish Americans, Asian Americans and women.

Of the 3,154 counties in America, President Bush carried 2,542 counties and Senator JOHN KERRY carried only 611. He became the first Republican President in 104 years to win reelection with increases in U.S. House and Senate seats. With a 53 percent majority in the U.S. House and a 5 percent majority in the U.S. Senate, the President clearly has won the respect of the American people.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

#### TRIBUTE TO SCOTT HUDELSON

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, it is my sad duty today to rise and honor my friend Scott Hudelson of Flower Mound, Texas. He was a devoted philanthropist and a local dentist who

died Friday, November 12, when his single engine plane developed engine trouble and crashed near Lexington, Kentucky. Scott was en route to Chicago to meet his wife Mary, a Lewisville physician, who was attending an allergy conference there.

Scott Hudelson, a Minnesota native, opened his Flower Mound dental practice after serving in the Army Reserve's Dental Corps during Operation Desert Storm. He had earned degrees in engineering and dental surgery from the University of Minnesota and is listed as a member of the American Dental Association.

In addition to running a successful practice, Scott made monthly trips in his small plane on his own time with his own finances to clean and fill the teeth of young patients at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. The school has about 150 students and most live on campus. He talked with the patients in their own sign language to help put them at ease.

Scott Hudelson married Mary Brandt on July 4, 1992. Together, they have six children, including a grown daughter who is working as an accountant in Tikrit, Iraq.

Tomorrow, I will give the eulogy for my dear friend Scott. I cannot adequately express my sorrow to the Hudelson family, but I can say I was blessed to have him in my life. My prayers are with Mary and Scott and his family as I honor him today.

#### LEARNING IMMIGRATION LESSONS FROM HOLLAND

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, we recently read in the newspapers of the murder of a prominent filmmaker, a distant relative of Vincent van Gogh, in the Netherlands, or Holland.

Holland has been a very open, tolerant society for many decades. However, many immigrants just simply refuse to assimilate into the Dutch culture, and this resulted in one-sixth of the population rejecting that culture, western civilization and its values, and after the recent barbaric act, Holland has now been forced to re-think its immigration policy, the relaxed way that they viewed this whole process of letting people into their country.

I believe frankly, Madam Speaker, that there are lessons for us here in America in terms of helping to assimilate our immigrants into our culture here in the United States.

#### BIPARTISANSHIP HARD TO ACHIEVE

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the day after the election President

Bush said, "So today I want to speak to every person who voted for my opponent. To make this Nation stronger and better, I will need your support, and I will work to earn it."

Regrettably, even after the election, the attacks on President Bush have continued. Leading the pack were opinion makers of the New York Times. A November 5 Times column headlined "No Surrender" described President Bush as "a radical, the leader of a coalition which deeply dislikes America."

Perhaps the most notable example of why national unity will be difficult to achieve were the words of Senator KERRY's running mate, Senator JOHN EDWARDS. In his concession speech, Senator EDWARDS used the phrase "the battle rages" four times. He described the battle as one where "the fight has just begun."

President Bush has reached out to his opponents. Unfortunately, they have turned their backs on him.

#### WHAT DOES RAISING THE DEBT LIMIT MEAN FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES?

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, today I rise because I am concerned about the impact of raising the debt limit on American families.

One of my constituents recently wrote to me just 2 weeks ago questioning the credibility of the U.S. Government and wondering about her Social Security benefits. The median income in my district is approximately \$41,394. The average Social Security benefit is only \$11,940 per year. Seniors, children and veterans depend on Federal programs like the Pell Grant program, Social Security and Medicare. Our veterans especially, many of whom are disabled and many struggling financially, deserve these benefits. Yet America's growing debt will ensure that our children and our grandchildren are overtaxed for the rest of our lives.

We need to have a plan to control the deficit. Democrats are fighting to put the budget on a pay-as-you-go system. Do not spend more than you earn. That is what our households are demanding, and we should take that advice here in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Pursuant to section 703 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 903 Note) the order of the House of December 8, 2003, and with the advice of the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Chair announces that on October 9, 2004, the Speaker reappointed the following member on the